Salt alters the soil, harms plants, and weakens infrastructure like bridges and roads. It gets into our streams, lakes, and rivers, putting aquatic life and human health at risk.

Be a Smart Salter

Safe winter driving is easy as 1-2-3

1. **Wait**
   
   Wait to allow time for plowing and deicing.

2. **Know**
   
   Know the current road conditions before you leave.

3. **Slow**
   
   Travel slowly and use caution on the roads.

Reduce your salt use to protect our water!

1. **Shovel**
   
   Clear snow from sidewalks and driveways before it turns to ice. The more snow you remove, the less salt you'll have to use - and the more effective it will be!

2. **Scatter**
   
   If you use salt, scatter it so there's space between the grains. A coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20 foot driveway!

3. **Sweep**
   
   Once the salt has done its job, sweep up the extra so you can reuse it for later storms - and prevent it from washing away.

4. **Switch**

   Salt doesn't work when the pavement temperature is 15 degrees or lower. Switch to sand or use a different deicer that works at low temperatures.

Americans use **20 million tons** of road salt every year.